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SUBJECT: DUTCH VIEWS ON SPECIAL UNGA SESSION ON DISARMAMENT

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1. MFA DISARMAMENT OFFICIAL VAN DER ZEE HAS GIVEN US A COPY
OF DUTCH REPLY TO REQUEST FOR VIEWS ON SSOD WHICH WILL BE
DELIVERED TO SYG NEXT WEEK. IN GENERAL, DUTCH RESPONSE
PARALLELS OUR OWN.

2. DUTCH SEE SESSION AS OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON WHAT HAS
BEEN ACHIEVED AND ON WHY OTHER MEASURES HAVE NOT BEEN
REALIZED. IN GON VIEW THE SSOD "IS NOT A SUITABLE FORUM FOR
CONDUCTING CONCRETE DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS OR FOR CON-
CLUDING AGREEMENTS.
IT COULD, CHOWEVE, ENDORSE AGREEMENTS WHICH HAVE PREVIOUSLY
BEEN REACHED." SSOD SHOULD RESULT IN A DELCLARATION CONCEN-
TRATING ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. "THE PRINCIPLES WHICH SHOULD FORM THE POINTS OF
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DEPARTURE FOR CONDUCTING AND CONCLUDING DISARMAMENT
NEGOTIATIONS";

B. "A SUMMARY OF MEASURES WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN IN THE
FUTURE" (WITH PROVISIO THAT SSOD SHOULD AVOID SETTING A
TIMETABLE OF SPECIFIC TARGET DATES FOR ACHIEVING CERTAIN
MEASURES);

C. "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF FUTURE
DISARMAMENT CONSULTATIONS."

3. GON SUGGESTS THAT US/USSR JOINT STATEMENT OF 19 SEPT 1961
(THE MCCOY-ZORIN STATEMENT) ON THE PRINCIPLES OF DISARMAMENT
NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE USED AS A STARTING POINT FOR THE SSOD.

4. DUTCH PLACE GREAT STORE ON REDUCING ROLE OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS. A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION COULD BE MADE BY ENDING ALL
NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS BY ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES. IF
ALL ARE NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT THIS FROM OUTSET, GON SAYS
US AND USSR SHOULD AGREE TO A TEMPORARY HALT OF ALL TESTS.

5. PARTICULAR ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO CONVENTIONAL
ARMS TRADE. REALIZING DIFFICULTIES IN STOPPING INCREASE IN
CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRADE, GON SAYS SSOD SHOULD GIVE SERIOUS
THOUGHT TO QUESTION AND HOPES IT WILL ISSUE STATEMENT WHICH
WILL MAKE A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM FEASIBLE IN THE FUTURE.

6. DUTCH SEE NEED FOR THOROUGH PREPARATION AND AN UNDOGMATIC
APPROACH TO WORK OF SSOD. THEY HOPE THAT PREPARATORY WORK WILL
BE THOROUGH AND SERIOUS ENOUGH TO ALLOW DECISION BY CONSENSUS.

7. VAN DER ZEE SAID THAT GON WAS GRATIFIED THAT NON-
PARTICIPANTS SUCH AS HOLLAND WOULD BE ALLOWED OBSERVER STATUS
(WITH RIGHT TO SPEAK AND PUT IN PAPERS) IN PLENARY. THEY NOW
HOPE THIS SAME ACCESS WILL BE GRANTED FOR WORKING COMMITTEES
AND ASK FOR US SUPPORT ON THIS POINT. VAN DER ZEE SAID THAT
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A RECENT CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH GIL ROBLES ON SUBJECT WAS
ENCOURAGING. ACCORDING TO VAN DER ZEE, DTUCH, WHOSE ATTITUDES
ON ARMS CONTROL "MORE CLOSELY PARALLEL SCANDINAVIANS,"
DO NOT WANT TO HAVE TO DEPEND ON BELGIANS, WHO ARE MORE AKIN
TO "FRENCH-GERMAN" THINKING, AS THEIR ADVOCATE IN WORKING
COMMITTEES.

8. COPY OF US REPLY GIVEN TO VAN DER ZEE.
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